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SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : May I know whether this Sub-Inspector was transferred in the usual course or on account of the complaints against him made by the public?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The enquiry revealed that the allegations were baseless. So the transfer should have been done in the usual course.

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI : Is the hon. Member Sri K. P. Gopalan suggesting that prayer will move the Government or is the Hon. Minister suggesting that the Government are immune to prayer?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I think the hon. Member should answer this question rather than I.

Construction of overbridges at level-crossings in Tiruchirappalli

* 3084 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri M. Kalyanasundaram) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that this Government have sent up proposals to the Union Government for the construction of over-bridges at the railway level-crossings within the municipal limits of Tiruchirappalli; and

(*b*) if so, the places at which they will be constructed and their order of priority?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) A list of 45 road-rail crossings requiring to be replaced by over or under bridges, was furnished to the Government of India in May 1955. The following three road-rail crossings within the municipal limits of Tiruchirappalli have been included in it in the order of priority noted against them :—

	Location of level crossing.	Order of priority.
(1)	At G. S. T. Road, south of Palakkarai Railway station	(5th) Fifth.
(2)	At Thennur Road in Tiruchirappalli town	(17th) Sevententh.
(3)	At Heber Road, north of Palakkarai Railway station in Tiruchirappalli town	(23rd) Twenty-third.

It is not known what order of priority the Government of India will allot for the above proposals.

Executive Officers of Hindu temples

* 3049 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Registration, Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any applicants for the posts of Executive Officers of Hindu temples were interviewed in 1954–55 by the Madras Public Service Commission; and

(b) if so, the number of candidates selected and the number that possessed legal qualifications among them?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : (a) & (b) Candidates for appointment to the posts of Executive Officers of religious institutions are not selected by the Madras Public Service Commission as the posts are *not* under the Government. Candidates for appointment to these posts are selected by the Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Administration) Department, subject to approval by the Government. In 1954, 183 candidates were selected, of whom 17 possess legal qualification.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : May I know from the Hon. Minister whether any minimum qualifications are prescribed for the posts of Executive Officers of religious institutions?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : For officers of grades IV and V, the qualification is the minimum general educational qualification prescribed for entrance to Government service, and for grade VI a pass in the III form is necessary.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Is the quota for Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes adhered to in the selection?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : Attempts are being made to secure as many qualified candidates as possible from both these classes of people.

Higher Grade Teachers Training Schools

* 3050 *Q.*—SRI K. MOOKKIAH THEVAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any praposal to abolish the "Higher Grade Teachers Training" Schools in the State; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) No such proposal is at present under the consideration of the Government. Policy regarding the future of these schools is one of the matters dealt with by the Elementary Education Committee, whose report is under examination.

(b) Does not arise.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : May I know whether the Government have taken any action on the report, pending full consideration of the report?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No interim action has been taken on any of the points referred to by the Committee. I am hoping it will be possible to place the report before this Legislature for discussion before I take any further action on it.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Is it a fact that the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, has issued a circular to the